

## Thunderbirds ready to amaze Point Mugu crowd

The Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the 2002 Point Mugu Air Show. This is the second consecutive year the demonstration squadron has visited Naval Base Ventura County.

With any luck, the weather will be perfect for their performance. Fans were disappointed last year because the weather would not allow the team to fly even one of the three days the squadron was scheduled to perform.

Joining them are a host of other military aircraft, including the F-15C Eagle, the F-14 Tomcat and the F/A 18 Hornet.

The gates will open at noon Friday, with flight demonstrations scheduled to start at 1 p.m. Gates will open at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, with flight demonstrations scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Admission and parking are free.

The Thunderbirds were officially activated May 25, 1953, as the 3600th Air Demonstration Team at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

The unit's first aircraft was the straight-winged F-84G Thunderjet, a combat-proven fighter-bomber that had seen extensive action in the Korean War. Early in 1955, the Thunderbirds transitioned to the swept-wing F-84F Thunderstreak. In their first three years with the F-84, the team performed for more than nine million spectators in 222 shows that included tours of Central and South America.

In June 1956, the team moved to its current home at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. At the same time, the Thunderbirds traded the

veteran F-84 for the world's first supersonic fighter, the F-100 Super Sabre —the aerial platform that would serve the Thunderbirds for 13 years. The F-100 years were memorable. More than 1,100 demonstrations were flown in the "C" and "D" models of the aircraft, thrilling spectators from the Far East to North Africa. In the middle of the F-100 era, the team changed briefly to the F-105B Thunderchief. After only six shows in 1964, due to an extensive modification that became necessary on all Thunderchiefs, the Thunderbirds transitioned to the F-100D, a jet that was capable of air refueling, which allowed the squadron to fly greater distances in less time.

From 1969 to 1973, the Thunderbirds flew the Air Force's frontline fighter of the time, the F-4E Phantom II. In five seasons, the team performed more than 500 demonstrations while traveling to 30 of the 50 states, Canada, Central America, and Europe.

In 1974, the Thunderbirds converted to the T-38A Talon, the world's first supersonic trainer aircraft. The T-38 was more fuel efficient and less costly to maintain than the larger F-4. The team flew nearly 600 demonstrations during eight seasons with the Talon.

Early in 1983, the Thunderbirds reinstituted their traditional role of demonstrating the Air Force's frontline fighter capabilities. Transitioning to the F-16A Fighting Falcon allowed the team to demonstrate the very latest in fighter technology. In 1987, the Thunderbirds became the first U.S. demonstration squadron to perform in a communist country, as the team visited China. In 1991, the team traveled to Europe for the



**The U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, performs precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the capabilities of Air Force high performance aircraft to people throughout the world. The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.**

first time since 1984. During the 30-day tour, 11 air demonstrations were performed in eight countries, including first-time visits to Switzerland, Poland, and Hungary.

In 1992, the Thunderbirds transitioned to the F-16C for their aerial demonstrations. The squadron was the last active-duty unit to convert to the upgraded model. The conversion took place simply because the team represents the rest of the Air Force and every frontline F-16 squadron employs the F-16C. The switch also made sense for logistical and combat-conversion reasons.

Security screening will be in place for air show events. All vehicles and personnel entering the base are subject to search. Naval Base Ventura County strongly encourages guests to minimize the number of items carried into the air show area. The base will not

hold prohibited items for guests. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to backpacks, coolers of any size, pets, glass bottles, illegal drugs, alcohol, skateboards, roller skates, bicycles, scooters, weapons, knives and explosives.

Prohibited items and items determined to not appropriate for entry into the air show will be the responsibility of the guest and cannot be accepted or checked in by Naval Base Ventura County.

Our goal is to have a safe and enjoyable air show weekend for all our guests. Your cooperation will contribute to this goal. We strongly encourage carpooling to avoid traffic delays and ensure adequate parking.

For more information please contact JO1(SW) Dave Hites at NBVC Public Affairs Office at (805) 989-0211.



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Capt. Jim Rainwater

# Welcome to the Point Mugu 2002 Air Show

It is with great pride we welcome you to the 2002 Point Mugu Air Show. As the Commanding Officer of the Naval Base Ventura County it is a pleasure to host this exciting event. As our guest, we hope you will enjoy the show and learn about our very diverse and important missions. This year's air show is highlighted by the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron "The Thunderbirds."

The dedicated men and women of Point Mugu and Port Hueneme welcome the opportunity to demonstrate to you, our friends and neighbors, the equipment, skills and techniques required to support the U.S. Navy and the Pacific Fleet.

Naval Base Ventura County provides the Pacific Fleet with a premier site, complete with a deep water harbor, rail head and air field, all in one package. The world has been

much changed since Sept. 11, 2001. The military aircraft you will see today are the backbone of the nation's war on terrorism.

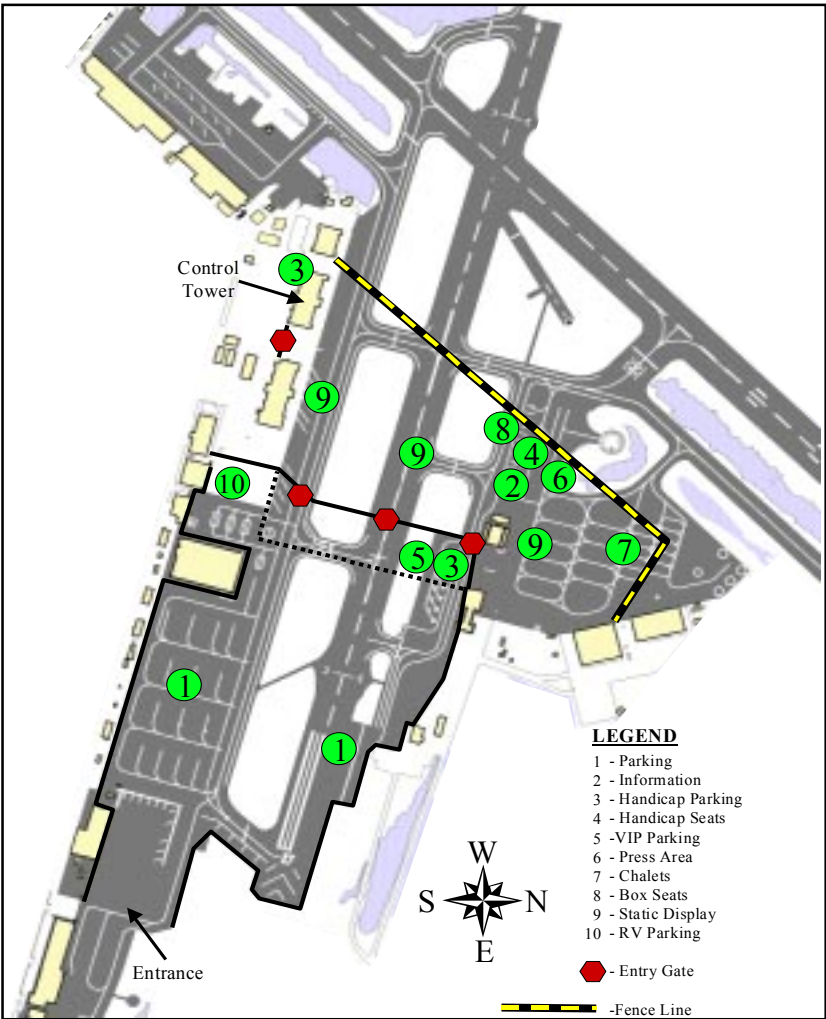
As you examine the many aircraft displays, exhibits and aerial demonstrations, you will see first-hand the professionalism of these men and women who are committed to excellence. I encourage you to meet our service personnel.

Naval Base Ventura County based E-2C Hawkeye squadrons provide our Navy with an early warning capability in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Seabees continue their efforts in operations around the world. The NAVAIR Weapons Division and the NAVSEA Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division continue to focus on the successful operation of surface combat and weapons systems utilizing state-of-the-art engineering facilities to support the Fleet.

Thank you for being our guest at the 39<sup>th</sup> Point Mugu Air Show. We trust you take with you a sense of our heartfelt pride in a profession that is vital to our national security. We hope you enjoy your day with the sights and sounds of freedom!

Capt. Jim Rainwater  
Commanding Officer, Naval Base Ventura County

# Air Show Map



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## New performer comes to Pt. Mugu Air Show



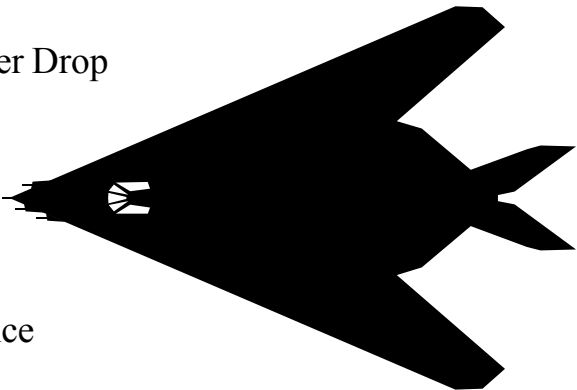
Today, flying the Edge 540, Jon Nash brings unequaled concentration and skill to the extreme arena of air show performance. His continuing mastery of aerobatic competition delivers crisp and accurate lines, coupled with slow flight virtuosity and amazing high speed tumbles. His signature maneuvers include knife edge spins, tumbles to a torque roll and multiple "endos." Jon medaled five times in the demanding California Championship Series from 1997 to the present, first in the Sportsman Category, then Advanced, then in Unlimited. Along the way, he earned his flight instructor certificate.



# 2002 Point Mugu Air Show Schedule

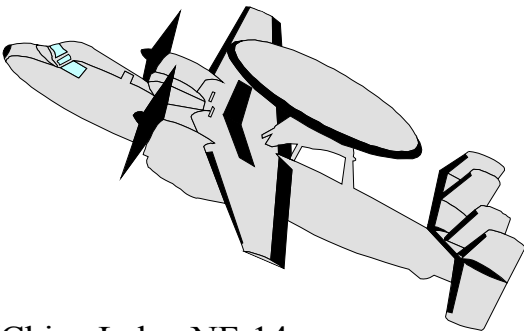
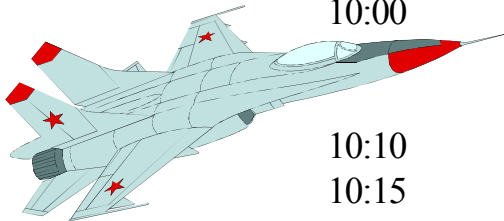
## Friday, April 19

Noon	Radio Controlled Airplanes
1:30 p.m.	Naval Weapons Test Squadron, fly-bys
1:45	E-2C Hawkeye performance
2:00	John Nash, Edge 540 performance
2:20	Commemorative Air Force, Fly-bys
2:40	Sean Tucker, Challenger performance
3:00	U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds
4:30	Ian Groom, Sukoi SU-31 performance
4:55	F-15 Eagle demonstration
5:15	Channel Islands Air National Guard Water Drop
5:30	Bill Cornick, Pitts S2-S performance
5:50	FA-18C Hornet demonstration
6:10	Tailhook Legacy Flight
6:20	Mike O’Hearn, Bearcat performance
6:35	Tim Weber, Extra 300 performance
6:50	John Collver, AT-6 “Wardog” performance
7:25	F-14 Tomcat, burner take-off
7:30	America the Beautiful
7:35	F-14 Tomcat burner pass
7:45	Eric Beard, Russian Thunder pyrotechnic performance
7:55	Dan Buchanan, Para-glider pyrotechnic performance
8:10	Steve Stavrakakis, Wild Thing pyrotechnic performance



## Saturday & Sunday, April 20&21

8:00 a.m.	Gates open
8:00-9:45	Radio Controlled Airplane Demonstration
10:00	Welcoming Ceremonies
	National Anthem - Kathy Kramer, Invocation,
	Commemorative Air Force Missing Man
10:10	AT-6 Warbird Flyby
10:15	Dan Buchanan, Para-Glider performance
10:30	John Nash, Edge 540 performance
10:45	California Air National Guard Pallet Drop
11:00	John Collver, AT-6 “Wardog” performance
11:20	E-2C Hawkeye performance
Noon	Bill Cornick, Pitts S2-S performance
12:15 p.m.	Naval Weapons Test Squadron Point Mugu/China Lake, NF-14,
	QF-4 and FA-18C fly-bys
12:25	Eric Beard, Russian Thunder
12:45	F-15C Eagle demonstration
1:05	Channel Islands Air National Guard C-130E water drop
1:15	Michael O’Hearn, Bearcat demonstration
1:30	Steve Stavrakakis, Wild Thing performance
1:45	Ian Groom, Sukoi SU-31 performance
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## Channel Islands Air National Guard



The Channel Islands Air National Guard began its association with Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu in September 1990, as the 146th Airlift Group/115 Airlift Squadron began flight operations at Point Mugu.

Today's 146th Airlift Group/115 Airlift Squadron traces its history back as the 115th Observation Squadron. The 115th was founded in the summer of 1924 at Clover Field in Santa Monica. In January 1925, the unit moved to Griffith Park Aviation Field.

The 115th Observation Squadron flew World War I vintage aircraft JN4D-D "Jenny," McDonnell Douglas O-2H and O-38 and the O-17. During World War II the squadrons pilots and ground crews joined Army Air Corps combat units.

In 1946 the 115th Bombardment Squadron (formerly 115th Observation Squadron) was given federal recognition to fly from Van Nuys Air National Guard Base at Van Nuys Airport.

Over the years the squadron has flown the B-26 "Invader," B-45 "Tornado," P-51 "Mustang," F-80 "Shooting Star," F-86 "Sabrejet," C-97 "Stratofreighter" and it's current aircraft, the Lockheed Martin C-130E "Hercules."

During the Korean and Vietnam wars, the squadron flew a variety of aircraft to support missions. Since 1970 the 146th Airlift Group has deployed on training missions, exercise deployments and for world conflicts such as Operation Just Cause in Panama, in 1989, and Operation Desert Shield/Storm 1990/1991.

In 1988 the 146th Airlift Group moved flight operations from Van Nuys airport to Point Mugu. The Channel Islands Air National Guard Base was built at a cost of \$70 million and features state-of-the-art design and construction.

Today the 146th Air Group/115 Airlift Squadron has the capability of providing aerial firefighting retardant to extinguish forest fires. The C-130E can carry up to 3,000 gallons of retardant. This role has played a major part in saving lives and large areas of land.

The 146th Airlift Group/115 Airlift Squadron operates 12 C-130E "Hercules" transport aircraft capable of carrying large under-wing fuel tanks, extending the its range.

The Channel Islands Air National Guard is looking forward to receiving their first brand new production C-130J in May.

The F-117A the worlds first operational stealth fighter aircraft will be on static display and will fly during the 2002 Point Mugu Air Show. This aircraft is flown by pilots of the 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., which reports to Air Combat Command with headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

The F-117A is a single seat fighter and is designed to penetrate dense threat environments as well as attack high value targets with pinpoint accuracy. With an air refueling capability, the F-117A supports worldwide commitments and adds to the deterrent strength of the U.S. military forces.

The 4450th TG was deactivated in October 1989, and was reactivated as the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing. The F-117A has been employed in combat during both Operation Just Cause (December 1989) and Operation Desert Storm (January-February 1991). The official arrival ceremony for the F-117A to Holloman AFB was on May 9, 1992. The craft has proven itself as reliable and maintainable.

## F-117A Nighthawk



## FA-18 Hornet



Attack Squadron 125 (VA 125), known as the "Rough Raiders," was originally established on April 11, 1958 flying the F-9F Cougar from NAS Moffett Field, Calif. Its mission then was to provide combat readiness training to fleet replacement pilots and fleet replacement aircraft maintenance personnel. Today, re-designated as Strike Fighter Squadron 125 (VFA 125), the "Rough Raiders" train pilots to fill FA-18 "Hornet" billets throughout the Navy and Marine Corps and for foreign countries.

The latest state-of-the-art computer flight simulators supplement flight training and computer based academic instruction to enhance understanding and performance in the Hornet. In addition the squadron routinely conducts strike and fighter detachments to NAF El Centro, Calif., and NAS Fallon, Nev., as well as aboard carriers in both the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets.

Today, VFA 125 averages 1,500 flight hours monthly and trains approximately 120 pilots each year. Pilots from the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and armed forces world wide have been trained at VFA 125. The squadron is home based at NAS Lemoore, Calif., and operates the FA-18A/B/C/D Hornets.

## F-15 Eagle



The F-15 Eagle is the Air Force's primary air-superiority fighter. The 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing based at Langley AFB, Va., operates and maintains one of the largest fighter bases in the Air Force's Air Combat Command. The 1<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing is home to 66 F-15C/D aircraft of three F-15 fighter squadrons (FS). They are the 27<sup>th</sup> FS, 71st FS and the 94<sup>th</sup> FS.

This aircraft was designed to counter the Russian MiG-25 Foxbat fighter during the early 1970s. The F-15A first flew in July 1972 at Edwards AFB, Calif. The two-seat version, the TF-15A, now redesignated F-15B, first flew in 1973. Upgrades continue as newer, more sophisticated weapons systems are developed.

F-15 aircraft saw combat for the first time during Operation Desert Storm during 1991. Capt. Steven "Tater" Tate assigned to the then 71 Tactical Fighter Squadron was credited with shooting down an Iraqi Mirage F-1 near Baghdad during the opening day of the war. In all, the F-15 Eagle was credited with downing 34 Iraqi aircraft.

Naval Weapons Test Squadron Point Mugu (NWTSPM) known as the “Bloodhounds” was established on May 8, 1995. NWTSPM is the principle Navy flight and ground test support activity for all Point Mugu sited Naval Aviation Systems Command aircraft and aircraft functions, including logistics and fleet training support.

The squadron provides Research, Development, Test and Evaluation support for weapons and weapons system support activities utilizing the Point Mugu Sea Range and Evaluation Complex and China Lake Land Test Range, as well as deploying world-wide for both fleet training and weapons test activity.

The squadron is unique, due to its integrated Flight Test, Range, Target, and Logistics components. The squadron operates numerous aircraft in support of its mission, including the NF-14 Tomcat, NP-3D Orion, QF-4 Phantom, C-130H Hercules and the Metroliner III logistics aircraft. Approximately 63 active duty officers, 215 enlisted personnel, and 73 civilian employees are employed by NWTSPM.

Squadron aircraft will participate in the 2002 Point Mugu Air Show.

## Naval Weapons Test Squadron Point Mugu



## The E2C Hawkeye



The primary role of the E-2C Hawkeye aircraft supplied by Northrop Grumman is as an all-weather airborne early-warning aircraft to the naval task force. From an operating altitude above 25,000 feet, the Hawkeye warns the naval task force of approaching air threats and provides threat identification and positional data to fighter aircraft such as F-14 Tomcats. Secondary roles include strike command and control, surveillance, guidance of search and rescue missions and as a relay to extend the range of communications.

The E-2C became operational in 1973. Block II aircraft, with improved engine and radar, entered service in 1992. As well as the United States Navy, E-2C aircraft are in service with the navies of Egypt, Israel, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan and, in 1998, the French Navy took delivery of two aircraft for the new Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier. Deliveries have totalled more than 140 for the USN and more than 30 for other nations.



Ian Groom

During the air show season, Ian Groom performs in front of millions of spectators in air shows spanning our country from San Francisco to Washington and Osh Kosh to Fort Worth. Prior to becoming an air show pilot he taught at New York University and owned a very successful business and was a Wall Street investment banker. Groom has lived all over the world and speaks three languages fluently.

Groom operates his favorite plane, the Sukhoi SU-31. The Sukhoi SU-31 was designed with the goal of winning aerobatics competitions and delivers unmatched performance capabilities. Manufactured with space age material composites of Kevlar, titanium and stainless steel which makes the aircraft strong, light, powerful and technically advanced.

The SU-31 has a roll rate of 720 degrees per second, which allows Groom to perform his spectacular corkscrew maneuver. He set a world record in 2001 by performing 40 consecutive snap rolls.



Dan Buchanan



Dan Buchanan, 40, a California resident originally from the Catskill Mountains of New York, has been carving up the sky for 16 years, logging more than 1,800 flight hours of motorless flight. Buchanan’s show begins with an amazing lift-off from atop a moving vehicle while narrating from the motorless Airwave Glider.

The entertainment has just started as you watch Buchanan climb to 1,500 feet while performing “water ski turns” with the tow-line, talking to the crowd, trailing dense colored smoke, bright wing tip streamers, the American flag and intense special effects.

An aerobatics plane may surprise Buchanan and the crowd by simultaneously taking off, looping and harassing him as he climbs, maybe even attacking him and cutting his wing tip streamers!

Previously a custom home builder and now a mechanical engineer, Buchanan became a paraplegic 16 years ago from a dirt bike accident and simply added two wheels for landing.

When asked why he flies, his smiling response is, “I have to fly – I can’t walk.”

Tailhook Legacy Flight

Combining the magnificent planes from the middle of the last century with a modern fighter plane of today, the Tailhook Legacy Flight provides a stunning look at the best of the old and new in Naval aviation. Only on very special occasions have airplanes of such diverse backgrounds been allowed to fly together. The Point Mugu Air Show will feature the FA-18 Hornet and a World War II fighter aircraft as a salute to Naval aviation past and present.

Heritage Flight

The Point Mugu Air Show welcomes the U.S. Air Force and is proud to be chosen as one of the sites for the most impressive Heritage Flight. Featuring the dynamic Air Force F-15C Eagle with the best of World War II, this pass in review is a tribute to all Air Force pilots and crewmembers who have helped keep our country free.





When people talk about Steve Stavrakakis and his “Wild Thing,” they are probably referring to his Czech-built Zlin Z-50LS. There’s never any confusion, though, when the subject turns to his flying ability. Everyone agrees: Steve knows how to handle a Zlin.

Stavrakakis is now flying a Zlin Z50LS. Originally built for a European acrobatic team comprised of former world aerobatic champions, the plane served as a backup aircraft until Stavrakakis bought it and transformed it into the all-new “Wild Thing.”

Painted a metallic violet and pearl white with yellow lightning bolts on the wings and fuselage; it’s a hard airplane to miss. It is so striking, it earned Stavrakakis a spot on an MTV sports special.

Steve Stavrakakis’ performance is an action-packed routine of gut-wrenching aerobatics complemented by an array of airborne-launched pyrotechnics and topped off with his signature maneuver, a lomcevak with three forward-tumbling somersaults.



John A. Collver brings you an aerobatic Warbird air demonstration down low and in tight to give you a first-hand look at what our U.S. fighter pilots were taught to win during WWII. This crowd pleasing non-stop aerobatic demonstration is a salute to our armed forces and veterans of all wars. Not only does John Collver make his North American SNJ roar with a heavy air show smoke system, but he also includes a segment of music in his demonstration that is sure to get the audience in a patriotic mood!

After serving on the Board of Directors for the International Aerobatic Club, he went on to Air Show flying. He really wanted to break in show flying with something different. So, instead of a small aerobatic type aircraft, Collver bought a Big Warbird — the North American AT-6/SNJ Texan. That was nearly 19 years ago. Now, after a decade, there are more than a million that see the thrilling yet informative demonstrations put on by John Collver and his Big AT-6 Texan annually!

John Collver is a long-time Point Mugu Air Show performer and will once again perform this year.



Appearing for the second consecutive year at the Point Mugu Air Show is Russian Thunder, flown by Eric Beard. Beard is a seasoned professional with more than 10 air show seasons under his belt and hundreds of performances to his credit.

Russian Thunder is one of only seven Yak 54 aircraft flying in the world. This very rare aircraft was manufactured in Sarotov, Russia in 1996. Although the Yak name goes back to the late 1930’s this aircraft is the very latest design coming out of Russia.

Designed in 1995, the Yakevlev Design Bureau’s mission was to build a two seat aircraft capable of unlimited aerobatics at the world class level, and World Class it is. High G turns, multiple rolls and gyroscopic tumbles are just a few of the maneuvers you will see.

Nearly twice the size of most monoplanes, Russian Thunder is big and powerful, boasting a 360 horse power engine and an 8-ft. propeller. It’s size and power send you home knowing you’ve seen something unique.

No one who has seen a performance by Sean D. Tucker will ever forget it. Tucker's work in the 10-10-220 Challenger-II provides his audiences with feats that are truly death defying. What Tucker does in his average "day at the office" would be impossible for most of us to achieve. His practices alone impose one of the most grueling and physically demanding workouts imaginable. His performances impose more G-forces on his body than jet fighter pilots experience—a hammering +10 and -7.5 G's!

Strangely enough, Tucker was once afraid of flying. Early on, he took up skydiving, but an accident claimed the life of a close friend and curtailed his growing joy of flight. He took flying lessons in 1969, but even after receiving his pilot certificate, the fear still remained.

Determined to conquer his fears, in a way that is trademark 'Tucker', he enrolled in an aerobatic training course in 1973 at the Amelia Reid Flying School in San Jose. There, Tucker overcame what seemed like impossible obstacles and completed the training that led him to become one of the premiere air show performers in the world.



Bill Cornick has returned to once again thrill air show spectators for the 2002 Point Mugu Air Show. Cornick became involved in competition aerobatics in 1978 and progressed rapidly to the unlimited category of competition. He is currently ranked as one of the top unlimited pilots on the West Coast.

Cornick began performing at air shows in 1980 and has thrilled crowds at numerous air shows throughout the western United States. He smoothly flies his custom designed "Super Pitts" through an incredible series of inverted flat spins, multiple snap rolls, torque rolls, lomcevaks, low level knife-edge flight. These and many other spectacular aerobatic maneuvers are choreographed to provide maximum entertainment with competition precision and the highest level of safety.

In addition to his busy air show schedule Cornick teaches aerobatics, he is an "Air show Competency Evaluator" for the International Council of Air Shows, and is a National Judge for the International Aerobatic Club.



# Nulty, Reno receive NBVC Joyce Stewart award

By Sarah Burford

NBVC Public Affairs

“Women Sustaining the American Spirit”, the theme of this year’s Women’s History Month rang true at the 2002 Joyce W. Stewart Memorial Awards ceremony, March 27, at the Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Port Hueneme Base Bard Mansion.

“The American spirit is in me and in you. We must encourage it and nourish it. The American spirit will never die,” said Lisa Zimmerman, mistress of ceremonies, as she began the program.

Throughout the hour long ceremony, the theme of American spirit was repeated over and over again, in the remembrances of the long journey women have taken throughout history. The award denotes the important role women play in daily life, and also as members of the military and as the civilians who support the missions of the military and the United States government.

Named for the late Joyce W. Stewart, the first woman in Ventura County to reach the civilian paygrade of GM-14, the Joyce W. Stewart Award was established in 1992 by the FWP. The award is a unique way of recognizing an individual or a team who encourages individuals to reach their highest potential; who made a significant contribution to the goals of equal opportunity by pursuing positive approaches to acceptance of diversity. The award also recognizes promoting an atmosphere that encourages an awareness of fairness and equal treatment by supervisors, subordinates and co-workers.

Perspective winners are first nominated by their peers and then assessed by a selection board.

“I got to see first hand how these women influence and impact our command,” explained Capt. Robert Westburg, NBVC chief staff officer and member of the Joyce W. Stewart Memorial Award selection board. “The best military and civil servants at NBVC are represented here, by today’s nominees.”

“Each year we receive the cream de la cream, the very best and brightest the base has to offer,” Zimmerman also said, commenting on the nominees.

Tension gripped the filled-to-capacity room as the 2001 Joyce W. Stewart Memorial Award winner, Gloria Smith, teased the audience with, “...and the winner is...Capt. Rebecca B. Nulty, and BUC Kelly Reno!”

Both winners humbly accepted their plaques, becoming the first military members to receive the award and becoming the first dual winners in the award’s history.

“I’m very honored to receive the Stewart Award from NBVC,” said Nulty as she took the podium. “It’s very special. I am also humbled by my command for nominating me. Thank you.”

“I’m a little overwhelmed and floored,” exclaimed an excited Reno. “I’d like to thank the members of my command for nominating me.”



PH3 Brian L. Bynem

**Capt. Robert Westburg presents the NBVC Joyce W. Stewart Memorial Award to Capt. Rebecca B. Nulty, left and BUC Kelly Reno.**

In addition to honoring the nominees and winners of this year’s Stewart Award, the FWP also honored the past 11 recipients, especially Smith, who spent a few minutes speaking about her background, her work at the Fleet and Family Service Center, and what being a recipient of the Joyce W. Stewart Award meant to her.

“The recipients of this award continue to stay involved with the award and with FWP and support it in the best way they can,” said Zimmerman.

As the ceremony drew to a close and the winners, nominees and the women of FWP adjourned to the patio of the Bard Mansion for pictures. Writer Lousia May Alcott summed up the day. “Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them and try to follow where they lead.”

As the names of the nominees were read, EAC (SCW) Patricia D. Bass of CECOS, SWC (SCW) Jan M. Beamer, of NMCB-5, BU1 (SCW) Margaret R. Blackman, of the 31<sup>st</sup> NCR, Dr. Mary L. Davidson, of the EDO School, Capt. Rebecca B. Nulty, of the Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Gina Melendez, FFSC, Marcia Thompson, NFESC, Joyce L. Queary, PHD NSWC, and BU1 (SCW) Kelly I. Reno, NCTC, it was noted that this year more military members than ever before had been nominated for this prestigious award.

# Gallegly honors NBVC firefighter

OXNARD, Calif. — Arson investigators in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties will get some help detecting accelerants used to start fires from a K-9 unit, courtesy of State Farm Insurance.

Recently, Derek Harper, a federal firefighter for 12 years, received a certificate of special congressional recognition for invaluable service to the community from Congressman Elton Gallegly.

Harper applied for a special scholarship offered by the insurance company to receive a dog specially trained for arson investigation. The dog is trained by State Farm for 8-12 months to detect accelerants.

Once the training is complete, Harper will be trained as the dog's handler for several weeks. He will then assume ownership of the dog, one of only five in California sponsored through this program.

Harper's commitment to this program and the dog's training goes far beyond the job. "I will be on call 24 hours a day. Wherever I go, the dog goes. There are no days off and no breaks," said Harper. In addition to a commitment of time, he is also dedicating to committing considerable personal resources to his new "best friend". He will be responsible for all food costs, veterinarian bills and re-certification training (required annually).

Harper stressed that he will have to keep meticulous records of all investigations the dog is involved in, down to the minute and exact location the dog finds signs of arson. The records will become an important part of the prosecution's case as well as Harper's testimony when an arson suspect is brought to trial.

So what does Harper get for all of his effort? More work.

"Most people in this position do arson K-9 work exclusively, but I will still be performing my fire fighting duties," he said.

Luckily, Harper has time to prepare for the transition. He's not scheduled to take delivery of the dog for about a year.



PH3 Brian Bynem

**California Congressman Elton Gallegly, right, presents a congressional certificate of appreciation to NBVC firefighter Derek Harper for his personal initiative.**



# NAVAIR WD machine shop available to all Navy customers

By Steve Boster

*NAVAIR WD Technical Information Division*

When the Airborne Threat Simulation Division at the NAVAIR WD Point Mugu site had an urgent need to design and fabricate a chaff payload for a Sea Petrel rocket, Nate Alday knew right where to turn for support needed to meet the launch schedule. The Weapons Prototype Division’s machine shop at Point Mugu worked with Alday early in the design stages, produced the payload components, and delivered them on time. The shop soon had their first parts in space.

Unlike many commercial machine shops, the experienced workforce at Point Mugu does not require complex drawings before assisting a customer. With engineering design services in-house, and machinists that know the special requirements for weapons and aircraft related work, a sketch or even just the concept can result in the right product.

Point Mugu’s machine shop works jointly with a similar, but larger shop at China Lake, sharing work between sites as needed. Mike Phelps, branch head for the Point Mugu shop for almost a year, said the shops are linked electronically to share workload and information. “Any shifting of workload is transparent to the customer,” said Phelps. “We are able to meet the customer’s schedule, his technical requirements and his cost requirements by moving the work where we can best accomplish the task,” he added.

Seeking to let more of the Navy community on the Oxnard Plain know about their location and capabilities, a machine shop open house is planned for Friday, April 19.

At Point Mugu, the machine shop is now located in Building 3012 adjacent to the flight line and across from Building 36. About two years ago, the Point Mugu machine shop moved out of Building 311 which had been home for more than 20 years. Phelps says they are easily accessible to the entire Navy workforce on the Oxnard Plain.

Acknowledging the competition that exists from private sector machine shops, in particular on the Oxnard Plain, Phelps said the NAVAIR WD facilities have a lot to offer Navy customers. “We’re on base, we have a secure classified fabrication area within the building, we have design capability, we have very experienced machinists with considerable expertise in support of Navy requirements and we are able to juggle workload to provide quick response when needed,” said Phelps.

“All these factors mean we are uniquely staffed and equipped to be flexible in working with Point Mugu customers,” added Phelps

In the sheet metal shop, Mark Rodriguez can create special antenna shapes or punch precise patterns in sheets of metal that cover missile or aircraft parts, among other skills.

A recent special request came in support of Vandal launches. The shop constructed special “WagonCams” for use on San Nicholas Island. These were trailers modified with a portable, solar power camera and a microwave transmitter to monitor wildlife on the island during Vandal launches.

Sergio Garcia, a skilled machinist says they can make virtually any part that’s needed to support Navy operations. Garcia operates one of the most sophisticated machines in the

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# American Diabetes Association challenges cyclists

Story Courtesy of American Diabetes Association

Ventura / Santa Barbara County Chapter



CARPINTERIA, Calif. – The Ventura/Santa Barbara County office of the American Diabetes Association is challenging local cyclists to dig deep within themselves and tap the determination, strength and courage it takes to participate in the 2002 Tour de Cure. The event is an annual cycling event to raise money for dia-

betes, the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

"Many people will participate in Tour de Cure for the stimulating competition, camaraderie and physical cycling challenge. But the real reward comes in knowing that every mile they ride and every dollar they raise brings us that much closer to a cure for this disease that kills over 180,000 Americans each year," said Linda Gledhill, American Diabetes Association's Executive Director in the Los Angeles Western Regional Office. "With diabetes growing at near-epidemic proportions, the need for funds has never been so great," she added. Each year, more than 798,000 people are diagnosed with diabetes and this number is expected to rise as our population becomes older, more sedentary and obese.

On May 19, 2002, cyclists from around the region will gather at one of four routes to participate in the event to raise a goal of \$150,000 to support research for a cure. They will join 25,000 other cyclists and volunteers at nearly 100 sites throughout the nation this spring.

Diabetes complications include heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness, nerve damage, and foot and leg amputations. This year, about 798,000 people will be diagnosed with diabetes; 180,000 will die. Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure.

The American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure will raise critically needed funds for research to find a cure and programs that improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Tour de Cure raises funds through registration fees and pledges collected by the cyclists. To register for Tour de Cure, cyclists or volunteers can call the American Diabetes Association toll-free at 1-800-TOUR-888 (1-800-868-7888) or visit us on the Internet (get the most recent details here) [www.diabetes.org/tour](http://www.diabetes.org/tour).

Tour de Cure features a variety of routes. The shortest is a 12-mile family ride through beautiful Carpinteria or choose the 30 mile ride through the hills above Summerland to Montecito and Santa Barbara, or the 60 mile ride looping around to Santa Barbara and south to Ventura. Or for those who like a challenge, the 100 mile ride will take you north to Santa Barbara, Summerland, along Highway 152 into Ojai to the Ventura/Ojai Bikepath which will bring you to the coast of Ventura where you will turn north to Carpinteria.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association is a community-based organization that provides services in every region of the country.





# NBVC welcomes its latest addition to the Navy ‘family’

By JO2 Lynn Kirby

Lighthouse staff

NBVC, Calif. – Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) recently welcomed a new command master chief to its ranks. CMDCM (SW) Ronald “L” Van Dyck recently relieved CMDCM (SW) Leonard G. Solinap as NBVC’s top enlisted Sailor.

Master Chief said he wanted to come to NBVC. “I’m a native of California, just 100 miles south of here in Long Beach. We wanted to come here, and my wife Luth and I are very happy to be here at Naval Base Ventura County,” he said.

NBVC’s new CMC said his primary goal while here for the next three years is to take care of the Sailors, families, civilians and tenant commands. “My goals really are to support the tenants and make sure they have everything they need to do their jobs. My other responsibility will be to take care of the Sailors and families after working hours as well as during working hours, and the civilian part of our Navy family,” he said.

Van Dyck also stated he’d like to improve upon the practices already established here at NBVC. “My philosophy is it’s not necessarily how can we fix what’s broken, but what are we

doing right that we can do better.”

Master Chief has also set a personal goal for himself while stationed at NBVC. “I’d like to finish my degree while I’m here. I have about 75 credits. Now it’s just a matter of getting all the little required courses out of the way.”

He explained himself as a ‘hands on type of person.’ “I’m here to support them (Sailors, families, civilians, and tenants). I have an open door and open phone policy. Let me know what you think is working and what’s not.”

Before arriving at NBVC, Master Chief Van Dyck was the CMC aboard the *USS Bunker Hill* (CG 52) and *USS Chandler* (DDG 996). Before entering into the Command Master Chief Program in 1998, he was a Master Chief Gunner’s Mate.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with four gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star and numerous campaign and unit awards.

**CMDCMC(SW) Ronald “L” Van Dyck recently took over the position of top enlisted Sailor at NBVC. Van Dyck is a native of Long Beach, Calif.**



# NBVC Sailors pay respects to those who have gone before us

By JO2 Alex Carfrae

## NBVC Public Affairs

POINT MUGU, Calif. — *On behalf of a grateful Nation, please accept this flag in recognition of your loved one's honored and faithful service. May God bless you.*

Those are the words the leader of an honor guard team uses to present a veterans' flag to his or her spouse, or other close family member after a military funeral.

The rendering of military funeral honors is a way to show the Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful Nation can provide to the veteran's families.

Naval Base Ventura County's Military Ceremonies Office provides final military honors to approximately forty Navy veterans each month. On any given day of the week, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the NBVC Honor Guard finds themselves rendering honors to veterans anywhere from San Luis Obispo to the north and Long Beach to the south.

"Traveling is the largest part of the job," said Arlene Kreps, NBVC's Ceremonies Office coordinator. "They might have a funeral in Palmdale one day and Pacoima the next. However, the comfort they provide the families is more important than how far away the funeral is, and our guys really know that."

When a Navy veteran dies, the funeral home handling arrangements contacts the NBVC Honor Guard office directly with details about the service. "Some families prefer just a simple flag folding and presentation ceremony while other families want the full military honors with the

rifles," said MS3 Erik Velasco, a member of the Honor Guard. "Most of the time we can provide the family what they want, but on rare occasions when we have three or four funerals a day, our manpower gets spread pretty thin. But it's always my honor to be there."

In the not-too-distant past, the honor guard at Point Mugu and Port Hueneme was all volunteer. That made it difficult to plan for exactly who was going to be available on a case-by-case basis. However, federal law now requires the rendering of Military Funeral Honors for an eligible veteran if requested by the family. The new regulations made it necessary for NBVC to establish ten temporary duty (TAD) positions, pulling personnel from the more than 70 tenant commands between the two NBVC bases.

"Our people come here for either a 90- or 180-day assignment. And then go back to their command," said OS2 Frankie Cochran, the Honor Guard's Leading Petty Officer. "I had no idea the military did this for veterans before I came here," he said.

Those eligible for military funeral honors are listed below:

- Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.
- Former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

*Taken from the Office to the Secretary of Defense for Military Funeral Honors Web site*  
<http://www.militaryfuneralhonors.osd.mil>.



**Members of the NBVC Honor Guard stand at attention waiting to carry the casket to the grave site. The Honor Guard members often act as pallbearers when the family isn't able to provide enough people.**



# CECOS basic class 223 sponsors 5 K “fun run”

By ENS Greg Martin

*CECOS*

“Freedom is not free”, but running to show your pride and national spirit is. Recently, the Naval School, Civil Engineer Corps Officers (CECOS) Basic Class 223 sponsored a 5K race for everyone who wanted to come out to show their pride in their country and their support for those who actively participate in ensuring our freedoms. Over 1,300 runners came out to show their colors, with the majority of the participants running in formation. This has led to the creation of the “Fastest Formation Award”, which will be given out in the next CECOS Basic Class 5K run. But beware, the winners will have to defend their prize at the following races!

Out of the approximately 60 individual runners, the 1st and 2nd place finishers from each division were: male under 30: Ens.

Beattie, CECOS, and Ens. Bunker, CECOS; female under 30: YN2 Souders, CECOS, and SK1 Griffin, NMCB-40; male over 30: Lt. Cdr. Sasek, 31NCR, and Lt. Cdr. Rogers and son; female over 30: Lt. Roseman, CECOS, and Lt. Cdr. Dallman, 31NCR.

Each of them sprinted away with a medal and a great deal of thanks for participating. All the participants, including the never-ending line of runners supplied by the battalions that participated had an outstanding time. Competition for the Fastest Formation Award in the upcoming race looks to be fierce, so get ready to bring your fastest runners and your best jodies!

CECOS Basic Class 223 would like to extend their gratitude to MWR for supporting the race. They would also like to thank all of the participants who sweated their way across the finish line. CECOS Basic Class 224 will be sponsoring another 5K this summer and we hope to see you there.



Most participants in the CECOS 5 K “fun run” ran in formation, leading to the creation of the “fastest formation award.”

# Mess Management Specialist pilot underway at Culinary Institute of America

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (NNS)—As part of the Revolution in Training, the fleet and Task Force for Excellence Through Commitment to Education and Training (EXCEL) are sending 50 new recruits to the Culinary Institute of America, instead of the Mess Management Specialist (MS) Class ‘A’ School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Sailors participating in the intensive 12-week culinary course are the first to test the newly developed MS Continuum.

The pilot program involves both a foundation and a finishing culinary course. “This is an excellent opportunity for not only our mess specialists, but the Navy as well,” said Cmdr. Patrick McCabe, Naval Supply Corps. “The purpose of the professional continuum is to integrate professional coursework with the appropriate college-level credits and industry-related credentials. When our Sailors complete this program, they will have earned college credits.

The Sailors can earn up to 26 credits for the foundation course and up to eight credits for the finishing course.

“In addition, the foundation course meets all the American Culinary Federation (ACF) educational requirements for Certified Culinarian, and will result in industry certification when combined with additional on-the-job training,” McCabe said. “The finishing course is advanced culinary arts training that contributes towards advanced certification as certified sous chef and certified chef de cuisine. This industry-based training will allow the Navy’s cooks to be recognized by the culinary industry and contribute to later certification as executive and master chefs — the highest chef certifications in the country.”

The MS Continuum is the just the first in a long line of professional pilots that are currently under development throughout the fleet.

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shop, with automatic tool changing and the capability to create intricate parts from solid blocks of metal. While the NAVAIR WD shops have comparable equipment, they also specialize in select technical areas. Point Mugu does all the conventional engraving and photo etching while also performing modification work supporting test wing aircraft, full scale and sub scale targets. The division has rapid prototyping expertise that programs may call upon. Phelps notes that program managers, product engineers and designers at NAVAIR WD can save money and time by taking advantage of the

rapid prototype machines in the division. These techniques produce models that can be used for “show and tell” or as a “fit check.” One creates models from paper, while the 3D Modeler makes them from machinable or investment casting wax and plastic materials. One of the newest techniques uses a starch that can be colored to show aspects of a cut-away model in different colors. Rapid prototyping is an advanced, low-cost method of model making that requires no tooling and runs virtually unattended. It literally can run 24 hours a day. In fact, depending on the complexity of the part, the operators Point

Mugu can have a prototype part in the customer’s hands overnight.” Over the years, the Weapons Prototype Division has provided a comprehensive range of manufacturing technologies in support of local engineering and test customers. The division represents a capable quick reaction manufacturing resource to meet emerging or emergency requirements of the Fleet. When a code needs a special part manufactured, as in the example of the Sea Petrel support, the in-house, quick response capability is vital.

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What's Playing

Port Hueneme

Thurs., Apr. 11	7 p.m. Crossroads
Fri., Apr. 12	7 p.m. Return to Neverland 9 p.m. Queen of the Damned
Sat., Apr. 13	2 p.m. Mulan FREE 7 p.m. The Scorpion King FREE 9 p.m. We Were Soldiers
Sun., Apr. 14	No movie - Battalion Deployment
Thurs., Apr. 18	7 p.m. We Were Soldiers
Fri., Apr 19	7 p.m. Crossroads 9 p.m. Dragonfly
Sat., Apr. 20	2 p.m. Harry Potter FREE 7 p.m. Time Machine 9 p.m. All About the Benjamins
Sun., Apr. 21	7 p.m. Hart's War
Thurs., Apr. 25	7 p.m. 40 Days and 40 Nights

Point Mugu

Fri., Apr. 12	7 p.m. Ocean's Eleven 9 p.m. The Royal Tenenbaums
Sat., Apr. 13	7 p.m. Ali
Sun., Apr. 14	2 p.m. The Princess Bride
Fri., Apr 19	Closed - Air Show
Sat., Apr. 20	7 p.m. Top Gun
Sun., Apr. 21	Closed - Air Show

At The Movies

**Queen of the Damned (R)**, Starring Stuart Townsend and Aaliyah. Chronicles the conflict between vampire-turned-rock star Lestat, his fellow vampires, and the awakening of a destructive and seductive Lamia from Ancient Egypt.

**Hart's War (R)**, Starring Bruce Willis and Colin Farrell. A rich law student, who enlists to fight in WWII, gets captured and ends up defending a black POW accused of killing a white officer.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG)**, Starring Daniel Radcliffe and Robbie Coltrane. A neglected British boy discovers that he has magical powers and begins attending a prestigious school for witches and wizards.

**Ali (R)** Starring Will Smith and Jamie Foxx. The legendary Cassius Clay's rise from obscure pugilist to world-champion boxer Muhammad Ali.

**Ocean's Eleven (R)**, Starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. A group of eleven professional criminals set out to rob three Las Vegas Casinos in one night.

**The Royal Tenenbaums (R)**, Starring Gene Hackman and Angelica Huston. An absentee father returns home after many years to make amends to his wife and three genius, adult children.

**Top Gun (PG)**, Starring Tom Cruise and Anthony Edwards. A hotshot pilot butts heads with fellow flyers, falls for the base psychologist and becomes the hero.

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# At The Movies *continued....*

**Crossroads (PG-13)**, Starring Britney Spears and Zoe Saldana. Three best friends reunite from their diverging paths when they decide to take a cross-country road trip to Los Angeles to audition for a record company.

**Return to Never Land (G)**, Starring Blayne Weaver, Harriet Owen. Sequel to *Peter Pan* begins when Wendy’s daughter, Jane, is kidnapped by Captain Hook and brought to Never Land as bait to trap Pan.

**The Scorpion King (PG-13)**, Starring The Rock and Michael Duncan. A powerful warrior sets out on a quest across ancient Egypt to find and kill the cruel despot who slaughtered all of his kinsmen.

**We Were Soldiers (R)**, Starring Mel Gibson and Sam Elliott. A battalion of American soldiers on a 1965 foray into a secluded valley in central Vietnam which just happened to be surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese regulars.

**Dragonfly (PG-13)**, Starring Kevin Costner and Linda Hunt. A doctor believes that his deceased wife is trying to communicate with him through the near-death experiences of her former patients.

**40 Days and 40 Nights (R)**, Starring Josh Hartnett and Shannyn Sossamon. After he splits with his girlfriend, a young man swears off women for the 40 days of Lent.

**The Time Machine (PG-13)**, Starring Guy Pearce and Mark Addy. An inventor builds a temporal transport device in hope of changing the past. When his mission fails, he goes into the future and finds a world far different from our own.

**Mulan (G)**, Starring Ming-Na Wen and Eddie Murphy. A young Chinese girl joins the army disguised as a boy to save her father.

**All About the Benjamins (R)**, Starring Ice Cube and Mike Epps. A Miami bounty hunter who, in the course of tracking down a parole-jumper, discovers a warehouse used by a ring of ruthless diamond smugglers.



## Point Mugu

Please call 989-8146 for further information or to sign up for classes.

TAP, Apr. 15-18, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 116  
CONSEP, Apr. 22-25, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 116  
Enriching Relationships, Apr. 23 & 30, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 116  
Homebuying, Apr. 23, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 116  
Play Mornings, Every Tues., 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Chapel Nursery  
Preseparation Briefs, Every Thurs., 2 p.m., Bldg. 116

## Port Hueneme

Please call 982-4117 for further information or to sign up for classes.

Personal Financial Management, Apr. 17 & 24, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Create The Life You Want Group, Apr. 18 & 25, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Single Moms’ Support Group, Apr. 25, Noon – 1 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Writing & Submitting a Federal Resume, Apr. 29, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Stress Management, Apr. 30, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Ombudsman Meeting, Apr. 30, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Savings & Investments, Apr. 30, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Retired Activities Office, Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 1169  
Preseparation Briefs, Every Tues., 2 p.m. Bldg. 1169  
Baby & Me, Every Thurs. 11 a.m. – Noon, Bldg. 1169

# Chapel Schedule

## Point Mugu

For information please phone 989-7967

### Worship

Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Protestant Worship: 11:15 a.m.  
Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

### Religious Education

Childrens Worship: Sundays at 9 a.m.  
Catholic CCD: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.  
Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion: Tuesday at 4 p.m.

## Port Hueneme

For information please phone 982-4358

### Worship

Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: Noon  
Sunday Protestant Worship: 9:45 a.m.  
(Children’s Church for ages 3-9)  
Christian Science Service: 2 p.m.  
Weekday Mass: Monday & Friday at 11:30 a.m.  
Weekday Eucharistic Service: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

# Jaskot relieves Joller as COMAEWWINGPAC Commodore

By ADC (AW) Wayne Marcus

CAEWWP Public Affair Officer

Naval ceremonies are a cornerstone of naval history. Traditions and customs reflect the stability of continuous progress of naval readiness through leadership. The responsibility of the commander for his command and subordinates is absolute, the ability to delegate authority as needed to ensure the safety, well-being and efficiency of his entire command.

In the Navy, we go when and where needed, and the Change-of-Command ceremony is an official and impressive structure to strengthen the respect of authority that is paramount to military organizations.

Capt. Walter C. Joller, Commander Airborne Early Warning Wing U.S. Pacific Fleet and a native of Buffalo, N.Y. was recently relieved by Capt. Roger D. Jaskot a native of Berwyn, Ill. The ceremony had many distinguished guests, including guest speaker Rear Adm. Mark R. Milliken with words of wisdom, in addition to his comments on the magnitude and operational readiness that the E2C Hawkeye presents worldwide. The Admiral talked about Joller as a significant part of the evolution and success throughout the Navy and E2 community.

Joller graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a bachelor of science degree in oceanography in 1975.

His remarkable career and duty assignments include VAW110, VAW112, VAW113, VAW117 and deployments on the *USS Nimitz*, *Enterprise*, *Independence* and *Constellation*. His final assignment takes him back to his first ship, the *Nimitz*, as the Chief Staff Officer Battle Group Commander.

Jaskot entered the Navy through the NROTC program at the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1979 where he received his bachelor of science in industrial systems engineering. His outstanding career and duty assignments include VAW110, VAW115, VAW116, VAW117, VAW120 and deployments on the *USS Nimitz*, *Theodore Roosevelt*, and *Kitty Hawk*. Jaskot came from the Pentagon assigned to the OPNAV Assessment Division.

The ceremony program included the U.S Navy Band, Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu Color Guard, National Anthem performed by U.S Air National Guard and the regular ceremony representatives. The new Commodore, Jaskot was confident and proactive on continuing to provide keen leadership by using his management techniques that are centered on the three R's: readiness, retention, reciprocity.



Photo by PH3 Brian Bynem

**Capt. Roger D. Jaskot receives the commanding officer pin from his wife, Tina-Marie D'ercole Jaskot, son Trevor Dean, and daughter Emilia-Marie.**

COMAEWWINGPAC staff will miss Joller, but also look forward to working with Jaskot.





# Shining Sailors...



AMC Melchor Trejano receives a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from Cmdr. Paul O'Connor, commanding officer of VAW-112.



EOC (SCW) Robert F. Fox receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Capt. Jim Cowell, commanding officer of the 31st Naval Construction Regiment.



Lt. Paul Dale of VAW-112 receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Cmdr. Paul O'Connor.



AE3 Jeremy Taylor receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Cmdr. Paul O'Connor.



AO1 Leslie A. Baker receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal at his recent reenlistment ceremony from Ens. Michael J. Baldwin, Naval Base Ventura County, Weapons Officer.



CM1 (SCW) Terry L. Bowling receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Capt. Jim Cowell.

For submissions of military awards to this page, of your command or department's shining Sailors, contact PH3 Brian L. Bynem at NBVC Public Affairs.

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Please send photos or high resolution, 300 dpi, .jpeg digital images with a full caption of all persons appearing in the photo including first names and ranks, the award description, and the photographer's name for recognition.



# Community Calendar

## Point Mugu/Port Hueneme Commissaries to host “Single Sailor” Night

Defense Commissary Agency/NBVC, Port Hueneme/Point Mugu Commissaries cordially invite all personnel, active duty, reserve, national guard and retirees to come out and enjoy an evening of fun at your local grocer, Port Hueneme and Point Mugu Commissaries April 11 from 6 - 8 p.m.

The Defense Commissary Agency, NBVC/Port Hueneme/Point Mugu Commissaries are pleased to announce our first “Single Sailor” Night. This event is our “April 2002” outreach effort to grow sales, while spreading the word about the commissary benefit. This event is not just for single Sailors, it is for all active duty and dependents, reserve/guard and dependents, retirees and dependents. Everyone is invited. Come out to shop and register for a chance to win door prizes and food-tasting demonstrations. All departments will also have manager’s specials.

## Bring your children to work day

April 25 has been designated as “Bring Your Children to Work Day.” This program began as Bring Your Daughters to Work Day, as a public education program that was launched nationally in 1993. For the last six years, boys and girls of military and civilian personnel have been included in this event.

Naval Base Ventura County tenants, Port Hueneme Division of NAVSEA and Channel Islands Air National Guard will be participating this year. Deadline for registration is April 17. See the schedule of events below.

Sign-in - 7:30a.m. in CBC’s Needham Theatre

Bus tours – 8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. (children ages 8 - 16)

Tours include UCT-2 and NCTC (Port Hueneme), Air National Guard, and VAW-117 (Point Mugu). Parents with children (ages 7 and under) visit workspaces only.

Registration forms are available at the following locations:

PHD NSWC Public Affairs Office – Bldg. 442,

NBVC Public Affairs Office – Bldg 3 – Point Mugu,

NBVC Human Resources Office – Bldg. 1000, Port Hueneme; and

ANG, Public Affairs Office, Bldg 100.

Registration forms can also be found on the Ventura Navy Net Website (NBVC) or PHD NSWC Intranet.

For more information and to obtain/turn in a completed registration form, contact the POCs listed below.

Kari Lee Patterson (NBVC) 982-4742

Pat Hollenbaugh (NBVC) 989-1704

Judy Elliott-Brown (PHD NSWC) 228-8419

Nivea Martinez de Andino (PHD NSWC) 228-8363

Beverley Amar-Coleman (NBVC/CBC) 982-5868

Michael N. Dugas, MAJ (ANG) 986-7485

# Seabees enjoy new spaces with increased homeport schedule

By NMCB-3 Public Affairs

"This morning I looked out my window and saw three battalion flags flying on this base" said Capt. J. W. Cowell, Commander of the 31<sup>st</sup> Naval Construction Regiment. "This hasn't happened since the Vietnam Era," he added. That third battalion flag belonged to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE (NMCB-3). Capt. Robert Westberg, Naval Base Ventura County Chief Staff Officer, commented, "NMCB-3 left here in September [for Rota, Spain] in a world of uncertainty, they left not knowing where they would be coming home to."

NMCB-3 would find the answer to that question in mid-December, following the approval of the new rotation cycle for the Seabees and funds being allocated for the building of temporary office buildings to hold a third battalion in homeport.

PC Mechanical, a contractor associated with the Los Angeles District of the Small Business Administration, was awarded this short-fused contract. The site supervisor for the project, Jake Morales, stated that this was not the typical job for PC Mechanical. When asked what made this project different, he replied, "It was the time frame that made this job so unusual." Since the contract could not be awarded until after the money was available, the groundbreaking didn't occur until Dec. 17, 2001. This shortened the period for completion to approximately three months.

PC Mechanical and the crew under Jake Morales' leadership held up their end of the deal, often working after-hours and weekends, with much appreciation from the members of NMCB-3, by completing phase one on March 1. Concerning the success of the project, Morales said,



**Cmdr. Kelly Schmader prepares to give NMCB-3 plaque to the owners of PC mechanical, the contractors that prepared the temporary spaces.**

"We couldn't have met the deadline without our sub-contractors and staff."

At the official ribbon cutting March 21, everyone involved with the new battalion spaces was full of appreciation for the hard work and time put in by Morales and his team.

While the spaces may look like "trailers" from outside, you will not hear anyone from NMCB-3 complaining about them. Lt.Cdr. Demers, NMCB-3's Supply Officer said, "I like it. I have better office spaces that are definitely bigger." The space allows for office and planning areas, in addition to the human comfort of carpeting and AC.

The groundbreaking was not the final step for the new battalion spaces; some items still needed a little work. Additional spaces for the battalion medical and dental teams are still under construction. While the walls, floors and ceilings were up, most of the spaces lacked furniture when NMCB-3's Advanced Party arrived on scene. The delivery of furniture has been ongoing during the battalion standdown period with a lot of support from the Regiment and NBVC for temporary furniture. All-important computers and networks, copiers, and all the other requirements to allow a battalion to function are coming online. YN3 Hubert said "it's a small price to pay for the new and improved office spaces." All of the new equipment was scheduled to be online at the end of the battalion standdown Apr. 8.

While NMCB-3 may be the first of the battalions to use these spaces, they certainly will not be the last, as the lease for the spaces continues through 2006. Facilities that are more permanent will be built in the meantime. NMCB-3 wants to say thanks again to the dedication and hard work of all the contractors and the various commands that came together as a team to make this time-sensitive project happen. You all did a wonderful job...OOH RAH!!



**Capt. Robert Westberg, Cmdr. Kelly Schmader, Cmdr. Douglas H. Boothe, Capt. J. W. Cowell, and PC Mechanical owners cut ribbon**

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# Behaviors that can be emotionally abusive to a child

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While most of us are appalled by, and can easily identify, what constitutes physical and sexual abuse of children, we are less certain about the behaviors that constitute emotional abuse. This is because these behaviors are less tangible and don't leave visible scars on children's bodies. However, they often leave deep and hurtful scars on children's minds and on their self-esteem. Children can be emotionally and psychologically crippled by a consistent pattern of emotional abuse. Please take note of the word "pattern". Parents are only human and when these behaviors are isolated incidents, while regrettable, permanent damage does not usually result.

Perhaps some of the items on this list will surprise you, because you have never seen the label "abuse" attached to them before. Nevertheless, these behaviors are abusive and harmful to children.

1. Name calling or profanity directed at the child.
2. Put-downs and ridicule.
3. Demeaning the child in front of others.
4. Threats of harm, and making the child afraid in order to control the child.
5. Excessive overprotectiveness.
6. Never being available to encourage, comfort, or spend time with the child.
7. Allowing the child to witness violent parental arguments or the beatings of siblings.
8. Allowing the child to see sexually explicit materials or behaviors.
9. Constantly addressing the child in a screaming, angry tone of voice.
10. Destruction of child's belongings.
11. Hurting the child's pets

12. Not respecting the child's privacy.
13. Competing with the other parent for the child's affection.
14. Inappropriate sharing of adult problems with the child.
15. Showing favoritism between children.
16. Consistently excessive fighting between parents.
17. Putting down the other parent to the child.
18. Failing to set consistent, clear, and reasonable rules and limits.
19. Failing to treat child in an age appropriate way.
20. Threat of parental suicide or harm to the other parent.
21. Allowing the child to witness parental intoxication.
22. Emotional rejection of the child.
23. Threats of physical and emotional abandonment.
24. Exposing child to drugs and/or alcohol.
25. Teaching prejudice, hate, and discrimination.
26. Isolating the child for long periods of time.

Emotional abuse of children often occurs as verbal abuse or as excessive demands on a child's performance. Parents who abuse their children were often treated the same way as children themselves. Sometimes they do not understand the needs and capabilities of children, and they expect children to understand and behave like adults. Parents may also be under a great deal of stress and may have poor coping skills and as a result may take feelings of frustration out on their children. Whatever the reason for the hurtful behaviors, most abusive parents love their children and, when they become aware of the damage they are doing to the, are willing to learn more positive, more rewarding ways to parent.

For further information on emotional abuse, contact your local Fleet and Family Support Center at 982-5037 or 989-8146.

